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BPL FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the number of farmers who are living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) the details of the welfare schemes that are being implemented for the farmers;

(d) the details of the funds released by the Government for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, Scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(e) the number of farmers benefited therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): According to estimates of the Planning Commission, 30.53 percent of persons belonging to farmer households were living below the poverty line during 2003. This estimate is based on the results of 'Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers' conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization. State-wise data are not available.

(c) to (e): The major schemes, viz., Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM), National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and National Horticulture Mission, under implementation in the country for the benefit of farmers, raise the farm income and, thus, the well-being of farmers including those below poverty line.

The details of funds released under the above mentioned schemes during the last three years, State-wise, are given in the Annexures I to V. The schemes are implemented by the State Governments which maintain the list of beneficiaries under different schemes.